



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

Genesee County Land Bank Authority, MI

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Genesee County Land Bank Authority was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located in eastern Michigan, Genesee County (population 436,131) includes the City of Flint and the Mt. Morris Township, both of which are federally designated Renewal Communities. Flint flourished throughout most of the 20th Century as the home of General Motors. Since 1970, over 60,000 high-wage jobs in Flint have been lost, and the population has dropped significantly. Both Flint and Genesee County have unemployment rates higher than the national and state averages. The median family income in Flint has dropped by 35



Assessment Grants



\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Genesee County Land Bank Authority for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to create an inventory of brownfields acquired by the Genesee County Land Bank Authority through foreclosure, and conduct 10 to 15 Phase I and seven to nine Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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percent since 1970, and 26.4 percent of city residents live below the poverty level. Several communities in Genesee County have poverty rates higher than the state average. The area contains approximately 9,000 brownfields, which have contributed to the county's financial hardship. Assessments of area brownfields are expected to catalyze redevelopment.